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This is Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with its weekly news bulletin. This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and packet bulletin boards.

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SARL INVITED TO JOIN THE ICASA WRC PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) has invited the SARL to participate in the preparatory work for the World Radio Conference in 2003. SARL President Hans Potgieter ZS6ALJ will be joining ICASA sub-committee 4 which is tasked to develop South Africa's position on SC5 Maritime mobile, Amateur and Amateur- Satellite, and broadcasting services in the MF and HF bands. A number of specific amateur related items are on the WRC agenda, including the realignment of amateur, amateur- satellite and broadcasting allocations around 7 MHz, and articles S1, S19 and S25.

The SARL welcomes this opportunity to be invited to make input to South Africa's position at the next meeting of the African Telecommunications Union which is expected to agree on a common stance on these issues at WRC in 2003.

RETURN OF THE SARL INTECNET WELL SUPPORTED

The return of the SARL Intecnet 2002 last Sunday received enthusiastic support with the talk show linked to repeaters in Johannesburg, Pretoria, the KZN Highway area, Durban, The Eastern Cape Repeater Network and the Cape Town and Stellenbosch area.

After the programme over 140 stations reported in.

The guest on the talk show was Lou McFadin W5DID who talked and answered questions about Amateur Radio on the International Space Station. Following

various requests from participants W5DID undertook to encourage the new crew on the International Space station to operate while over South Africa. Yesterday he reported back as follows: "We had a good training session with the ISS Increment five crew on Monday. Valery Korozun says he definitely enjoyed his contacts with the hams in South Africa and he looks forward to talking to South Africa again on his mission."

The next SARL Intecnet sponsored by Telkom and Sentech will be on the air on 23 February when Chris Burger will talk about getting more fun from HF operation. Clubs wishing to link their repeaters should send an Email to armi@intekom.co.za before 15 February giving details of the telephone number to be linked and the frequency on which they will be interactive. The fax number is 012 991 5651.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION ZY3WSF

Special event station ZY3WSF is active (on 10-80 metres CW and SSB) on 31 January up to 05 February 2002 from Porto Alegre, Brazil during the 2nd World Social Forum (<http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br>). QSL direct or bureau.

11th ARDF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Slovak Amateur Radio Association (SARA) - the organiser of the 11th ARDF World Championships in 2002 has the honour to invite all Radio Amateur Associations to participate in the 11th ARDF World Championships 2002 which will be organized at the High Tatras Tatranské Matliare, Slovak Republic on September 27, 2002.

We will do our best to fulfil your expectations and we believe all of you will bring back to your home countries the good memory of the Slovak republic, the High Tatras and the Championships itself.

SARA has at its disposal a great number of radio amateurs, former competitors and skilled organizers, who took part in organizing the 5th ARDF World Championships in 1990 at Strbské Pleso, as well as in organizing the European Championships in Chtelnica (Slovak Republic) in 1995. It is a very skilled team, which is aware of all the rules of the ARDF Championships; they are all fans who have already spent several years preparing such activities.

The Championships are under the patronage of the Ministry of Education and Defence of the Slovak Republic, which guarantees the high standard of sport and social standing of the World Championships.

We invite you to the magnificent High Tatras, where the skilled committee of organizers will prepare the "Fair play" 11th ARDF World Championships 2002 in beautiful mountainous region with extraordinary conditions for sport, with very good accommodation and social and cultural facilities. We believe that during these World Championships good sport results will be achieved, that the ARDF national teams will meet as well as all the admirers of ARDF from all around the world, that old friends will meet and that new friendships will be

made, that everybody will perceive and admire the beautiful surroundings of the Tatra region.

Dear friends, see you in September 2002 in Slovakia, in the High Tatras on the “fantastic” 11th ARDF World Championships.

You can find all details on www.ardf.sk .

AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY OF KENYA

The Amateur Radio Society of Kenya held its Annual General Meeting on the 19th January, 2002 and the following officials were elected to run the society for the year 2002.

Chairman:- Ted Alleyne 5Z4NU. Deputy Chairman:- Hemant Patel 5Z4HP.
Secretary:- Ted Alleyne 5Z4NU. Treasurer:- Jeremy Rowe 5Z4JW. QSL/Awards
Manager:- Arnie Newman 5Z4LH.

Members At Large.

Shack Manager:- Hemant Patel 5Z4HP. CCK Liaison:- Ted Alleyne 5Z4NU.
IARU Representative:- Max Raicha 5Z4MR.

Trustees.

Andrew Ojwang 5Z4FT. Jeremy Rowe 5Z4JW. Mohamed Gitonga.

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WORLD RADIOSPORT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS ANNOUNCED

The next WRTC is being held in Finland in July. WRTC is the world’s premiere competitive amateur radio event, with around 54 two-man teams being selected to compete under the most equal possible conditions. All teams use 100 W transmitters, similar antennas, similar locations and similar call signs. Phone and CW are both used, and while teams compete only with other teams, the operating takes place within the IARU’s Radiosport Championship.

Previous WRTCs were held in Seattle in 1990, San Francisco in 1996 and Slovenia in 2000.

The teams have just been announced. Only one team was allocated for Africa, and applicants had to produce contest scores over a two-year period to qualify. Chris Burger ZS6EZ and Bernie van der Walt ZS4TX have been selected to represent the continent. The contest will provide a real challenge for our team, as they will have to design a strategy around the 24 hours of daylight during the contest, and the short-skip conditions available inside Europe.

Comprehensive information is available at www.wrtc2000.org.

TWO BOOKS YOU SHOULD HAVE ON YOUR BOOKSHELF

With the exchange rate constantly challenged, new imports from overseas are becoming more and more expensive. This week we look at two books that the SARL Bookshop imported before the currency problems. The books are sold at their original price and are a real bargain.

Radio Auroras is a 91 page book from the RSGB stable.

Written by Charlie Newton G2FKZ the book offers a comprehensive introduction into this fascinating subject.

Did you know that Captain Cook observed this spectacular light show for the first time in 1773? As early as 1741 the association between Auroras and geomagnetic disturbances was observed.

Amateur Radio Auroras did not start till after the Second World War. Well you know what we mean! Radio Amateurs starting taking an interest in how Auroras could be used to enhance propagation on 2 metres and other VHF bands.

The second book we recommend this week is from the ARRL stable: "Your VHF Companion". It is needless to say that no Amateur operating on VHF should be without a copy. With the VHF/UHF contest around the corner get some tips on how to improve your system. This down to earth book tells it all. The book features chapters by Steve Ford WB8IMY, Editor of QST. Chapters include FM and Repeaters, Beyond FM, dealing with CW, SSB and operating. It is the kind of book that would benefit any beginner.

Radio Auroras sells at R60,00 and Your VHF Companion at R95,00 both plus postage and packaging. Call the SARL office from Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 13:00 to order these books. The telephone number is 011 675-2393. Do we need to say, "while stocks last"? The next consignment will cost substantially more so act now.

The SARL News Service invites Clubs and individuals to contribute news regarding Amateur Radio to sarlnews@hotmail.com only. It will be highly appreciated if it is done in Afrikaans as well as English and sent as early in the week as possible.

Also join us in the following activities: The President's Net on Sundays 12:00 on 7082 kHz; Amateur Radio Mirror International Sundays at 10:00 on 9750 and 21560 kHz which is repeated Mondays at 20:00 on 3215 kHz.

We thank all contributors, individuals, clubs and other organisations for contributions to this bulletin and all stations who so reliably relay the bulletins.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL.

This bulletin now ends and Sarlnews wishes you a pleasant week.

Goodbye everyone /EX